

REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, and 20 have been allowed.

Initially, the subject application has been allowed, and the Issue Fee has been timely submitted.

Subsequent filing of the Issue Fee, the Examiner contacted Applicant and indicated that the Office of Patent Publication (PUBS) requested some clarification with respect to claim numbers mentioned within the specification that reference the claims. The Examiner requested Applicant to file an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 containing amendments to further clarify these claim references within the specification.

Accordingly, Applicant submits the subject amendment in accordance with M.P.E.P. §714.16(d)(III) to amend the specification in accordance with the Examiner's comments. In particular, the claim numbers mentioned within the SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION section of the specification have been removed, while certain paragraphs within the SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION section have been moved to new locations within that section (i.e., the paragraphs deleted in accordance with the above instructions have simply been relocated). No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the amendment within the subject application. However, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the amendment is not now in condition for entry, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.312
APPLICATION NO. 10/806,256

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time that may be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required for the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

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